

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 691

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend the coaches and members of the Blackman High School boys basketball team upon winning the TSSAA Class AAA state championship.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those student-athletes who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as true champions of whom we all can be proud; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Blackman High School boys basketball team and Head Coach Barry Wortman have proven themselves to be the fiercest of competitors and, as such, deserving of the highest regard, as they recently won the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association (TSSAA) Class AAA state championship; and

WHEREAS, the Blackman Blaze culminated their extraordinary 2013-2014 season with a 60-58 victory over Oak Ridge High School at the Murphy Center on the campus of Middle Tennessee State University in front of a tremendous crowd of family, friends, and fellow students; and

WHEREAS, trailing 46-38 late in the fourth quarter, the team showed grit and determination to go on a 14-0 run and clinch their first state title only seven days after their counterparts, the Blackman girls basketball team, won their own state championship; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Blackman High School boys basketball team epitomize all that is good in today's student-athlete, as they have achieved a premier level of success in competition while exhibiting the highest degree of character in all aspects of life; and

WHEREAS, led by Coach Barry Wortman, the perseverance, determination, work ethic, and talent of this group of young athletes not only made possible a stellar triumph, but also surely bodes well for their future success; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to acknowledge and applaud the members of the Blackman High School boys basketball team for their outstanding performance and for serving as examples of the exceptional quality of the youth of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate the coaches and members of the Blackman High School boys basketball team upon winning the TSSAA Class AAA state championship and extend to them our best wishes for every continued success in all their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.